

**Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, January 2, 1841,
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Hermitage, January 2, 1841.

My Dear Sir, I have not been an idle spectator of the late political strife that has pervaded our whole land in the late political canvass for the Presidency. I have viewed with much concern the corrupt means employed by the combined opposition to gain their point, which has been heightened by the interference of England with all her mony power to corrupt our people and elect a President for us, that would unite in her corrupt views, put down our republican system and build upon its ruins a great consolidated Government to be ruled by the corrupt mony power of england and america. But altho alarmed at the corruption and perjury by which Harrison has been elected, still I do not despair of the republic, the people already begin to see their delusion and the whole democracy appear to be aroused to the dangers with which our Republican system is threatened, and I rejoice to see that your pen is still to be enlisted in the good cause.

May your health enable you [to] expose the corrupt doings of this wicked combination and to open the eyes of the American people to the danger with which they are now surrounded and I hope your paper 2 may have a circulation over the whole Union, such a patronage as I know it will deserve.

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2 Kendall's Expositor , a small bi-weekly sheet, issue of which began on Feb. 2, 1841.

You will have seen before this reaches you that our friend Grundy is no more, his death at present, is a serious loss to his country and family. I had made arrangements with him to convey to you my subscription for your paper and the extra Globe. finding that I was not to see his successor on his way, I wrote to my friend Genl. Armstrong to place the amount in Mr. Nicholson's hands for this purpose, who wrote me it should be done, but I learn that Mr. Nicholson remained but a short time in Nashville and whether the Genl. saw him I am unadvised. If he has not please advise me and the money shall be forwarded forthwith,

3 Senator Felix Grundy died Dec. 19, 1840.

class=MsoNormal>0113 89 as I wish your paper to hand it down to my adopted Grandchildren, as the best boon I can bequeath them.

I have been confined to my House for many days by bad health and inclement weather, but will as far as I can stimulate the people to send for your paper.

Finding my administration charged with extravagance by the political demagogues of the opposition and myself with extravagance in furnishing the president's House, I wrote to Maj. Wm. B. Lewis on the subject, whose answer I enclose you. I think it will be proper to file this with my other papers as a refutation to the vile slanders of Clay and others on this subject.

It shows that \$9000 of the first appropriation for furnishing the president's House in my term was appropriated to finishing and furnishing the East room and for this purpose as the Major was the agent to make the contract with an undertaker, was his statement obtained.

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Should leisure permit it would afford me much pleasure to hear from you. Is there any defection in our republican ranks in congress. Can Clay succeed in his attempt this session to have the independent treasury law repealed and a National Bank charter passed. please inform me. If he cannot this session, he never can. that law will meet in its operation in one year the approbation of a great majority of the people.

Wishing you and your family the Joys of the season, in which my family unite and wishing you long life and triumph over all your enemies, and a happy immortality, I remain sincerely, Your friend,